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1. ALL PAPERS ON AUGUST 3 FRONTPAGE PRESIDENT FORD'S PRESS STATEMENT, FOLLOWING MEETING WITH BREZHNEV, THAT HE IS MORE OPTIMISTIC THAN HE WAS TWO DAYS AGO ABOUT POSSIBILITIES OF REACHING NEW INTERIM AGREEMENT IN SINAI. PAPERS INDICATE PRESIDENT'S OPTIMISM IS "EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS." AL AHAM SAYS THAT PRESIDENT DID NOT REVEAL REASONS FOR OPTIMISM.

2. IN THEIR COVERAGE OF SALT TALKS, BOTH AL AHAM AND AL GUMHURIYA REPORT PRESIDENT'S VIEW THAT "SOME PROGRESS" HAS BEEN ACHIEVED. AL AHAM ADDS THAT BREZHNEV WILL VISIT WASHINGTON THIS FALL AS SCHEDULED. AL AKHBAR REPORTS ON U.S. OFFICIALS' HOPES THAT

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BREZHNEV WILL RESUME SALT TALKS IN SPIRIT OF HELSINKI CONFERENCE

DOCUMENT. AL GUMHURIYA REFERS TO SECRETARY'S HINT THAT HE MIGHT VISIT MOSCOW DURING SEPTEMBER FOR FURTHER SALT TALKS. BOTH AL AHRAH AND AL AKHBAR PRINT FRONT PAGE PHOTOS OF FORD AND BREZHNEV AFTER SATURDAY MEETING.

3. AL AHRAH'S MAIN EDITORIAL STATES THAT HELSINKI CONFERENCE DOCUMENT WILL NOT BE EFFECTIVE IN LONG RUN UNLESS IT EXTENDS TO "OTHER EXPLOSIVE AREAS OF WORLD SUCH AS MIDDLE EAST, WHICH IS NEIGHBOR OF EUROPE." EDITORIAL CLAIMS THAT ISRAEL'S POSITION IS OPPOSITE TO SPIRIT OF HELSINKI DOCUMENT. AL GUMHURIYA, IN ITS EDITORIAL, WRITES THAT "EUROPEAN PEACE CANNOT BE FULLY ACHIEVED UNLESS PEACE PREVAILS IN ALL REGIONS OF WORLD." PAPER REITERATES VIEW THAT "NO EUROPEAN OR WORLD PEACE CAN SURVIVE IF PRESENT ME STATUS CONTINUES--NAMELY, ISRAEL'S OCCUPATION OF TERRITORIES OF THREE ARAB COUNTRIES AND DENIAL OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS."  
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